

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes**  
**April 14, 2020**

Chairman John Berends called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Glen Kack, Ron Antony, Greg Renneke and Gary Johnson also present via teleconference. Also present were County Administrator Angie Steinbach, County Attorney Keith Helgeson (via teleconference), Finance and Administration Deputy Ashley Soine (via teleconference), West Central Tribune reporter Tom Cherveney (via teleconference) and Advocate Tribune reporter Jess Gorman (via teleconference). Due to the current federal and state emergency declarations and guidance about limiting person-to-person contact due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, the April 14, 2020 meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Commissioners was conducted in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 13D.021 – Meetings by Telephone or Other Electronic Means.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approve Agenda 04-14-20-01** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the agenda with the following addition: add recycling bin discussion to the Regular Agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Consent Agenda 04-14-20-02** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the consent agenda items as follows: March 24, 2020 County Board meeting minutes; 2019 County Feedlot Officer Report; County Fairgrounds Property Management Quarterly Update and Payment Request in the amount of \$1,312.50. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Citizen Comments** None

**Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 04-14-20-03** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$12,389.88 Ditch Fund, \$82,784.11 Revenue Fund, \$212,832.46 Road & Bridge Fund, \$83,497.09 Human Services Fund; and acknowledged review of the Auditor's warrants. An itemized listing of all warrants over \$2,000 and an aggregate total for warrants under \$2,000 are published on the County website under the Finance & Administration Department. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Commissioners' Report** Commissioner Kack reported on Canby DAC meetings. Commissioner Antony reported on Canby DAC meetings, Pioneerland Library System, 6W Community Corrections, State Radio Board, Department Head meeting and Emergency Management meetings. Commissioner Renneke reported on a Parks Committee meeting. Commissioner Johnson reported on 6W Community Corrections, Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission and Parks Committee meeting. Commissioner Berends reported on Emergency Management meetings, Avera community calls, Granite Falls Emergency Management meeting, Countryside Public Health, PrimeWest and Yellow Stone Trail.

Administrator Steinbach's report included meetings attended, current projects being worked on and future meetings to attend. Administrator Steinbach's report is included in the Board packet.

**Regular Agenda**

**Tree Trimming 04-14-20-04** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the quote from Rod VanDeVeire Tree Service in the amount of \$400 for tree trimming at the County Fairgrounds and Canby Highway Shop. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Andy Sander, Highway Department, gave an update.

**Culvert Repair 04-14-20-05** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to authorize County Engineer Sander to begin the process to repair/replace a culvert on CSAH 10. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Pit Lease 04-14-20-06** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to table the approval of the Jacobson Johnson 2020 Pit Lease until the next meeting. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Tandem Truck Replacement 04-14-20-07** Motion by Commissioner Renneke and seconded by Commissioner Kack to replace Unit 28 with a 2020 Western Star 4700 with Towmaster truck equipment and underbody in the amount of \$201,427 (includes trade-in). Motion carried with Commissioner Renneke, Kack and Antony voting in favor and Commissioner Berends and Johnson voting against.

The board recessed for break at 10:23 a.m.

The board reconvened at 10:34 a.m.

**Pup Trailer 04-14-20-08** Motion by Commissioner Antony to approve the purchase of a new pup trailer off the state contract for \$33,079 and purchase the tires and rims from Royal Tire for \$3,422. The total purchase price would be \$36,501. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

The board postponed their April 30, 2020 Highway Road Tour.

**HVAC Unit 04-14-20-09** Sheriff Bill Flaten requested replacement of a HVAC unit for the ARMER tower building. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the low quote from Chappel Central in the amount of \$8,139 for a HVAC unit for the ARMER tower building and to approve the budget amendment as presented. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Resolution #13-2020 04-14-20-10** Jolene Johnson, Planning and Zoning Coordinator, presented Resolution #13-2020 Declaring a Negative Need for an Environment Impact Statement for the Yellow Medicine Quarry Continuation. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve Resolution #13-2020. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Refund of Liquor License Fees 04-14-20-11** Janel Timm, Property and Public Services Director, discussed the possible refund of liquor license fees due to COVID-19 closures. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to refund liquor license fees on a prorated basis to match the Governor's Executive Orders. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Resolution #14-2020 04-14-20-12** Janel Timm, Property and Public Service Director, discussed Resolution #14-2020 and setting the minimum sale price for six parcels. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve Resolution #14-2020 which classifies the listed properties as non-conservation and assigns a minimum sale price for each parcel. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Janel Timm, Property and Public Services Director, discussed possible options for property tax relief due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The board directed Ms. Timm to come back with a proposal for property tax relief similar to the Crow Wing County one that was presented.

**Letter of Support 04-14-20-13** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the Letter of Support which endorses and supports Carver County's application for the US Highway 212 Freight Mobility and Safety Project. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Amended Southwest Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement 04-14-20-14** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the amended Southwest Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**County Parks 04-14-20-15** Administrator Steinbach discussed the recommendations from the Parks Committee. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to open the campgrounds on May 4, 2020 and that the playgrounds, beach and bathrooms will be closed to the public until further notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The board discussed the recycling area in Granite Falls. There are still issues with garbage being littered around the recycling bins. Administrator Steinbach will follow-up with Roger Schroeder, Lyon County, to confirm that all the recycling bins are property of Yellow Medicine County.

The board discussed future board meetings and decided to continue with the virtual meetings at this time.

**Other Business** None


**Informational** Restorative Justice Department Update and Solar Energy Production Tax for Payable Year 2020

**Review of Upcoming Meetings and Events** The Board reviewed upcoming meetings and events.

**Adjourn 04-14-20-16** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn at 12:17 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:

  
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John Berends, Chair

  
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Angie Steinbach, County Administrator